

a bitterness inhibitor. However, bitterness is now excluded from the claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that these rejections be withdrawn.

The Examiner is reminded that a Notice of Acceptance indicates that both the International Search Report and copies of the references cited therein have been received by PTO. In addition, Applicants have filed an IDS including these references (as well as a reference discussed in the specification). Thus, it was improper for the Examiner not to initial all the references listed on the PTO Form 1449, but to cross out most of them.

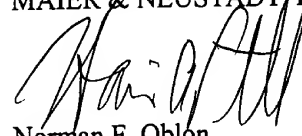
During the above-referenced interview, the Examiner acknowledged the proper approach, but indicated that the crossed-out references were not in the file. It is assumed that in the interim, these references have been found and/or the Examiner has ordered them. **Submitted herewith** is another copy of the PTO Form 1449. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial all entries thereof.

All of the presently-pending claims in this application are now believed to be in

immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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Claims 1-8 have been cancelled.

Claims 9-16 have been newly added.